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Re: CC Docket 01-88

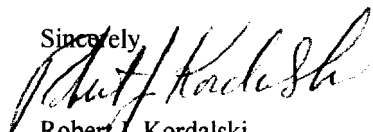
Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

This letter is written in strong support of Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service in the state of Missouri.

As a company headquartered in Missouri and providing support and customer service to Federal Government Employees throughout the United States, long distance rates are very important to us. We feel that competition will provide us with an opportunity to obtain the best possible pricing for our long distance services thus allowing us to pass on savings to our customers.

I encourage the FCC to support this application, allowing a broader selection of companies that could provide long distance services in Missouri.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Kordalski
Vice President, MIS

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Dear Secretary Salas and Commission:

I am writing to endorse Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service in the State of Missouri.

I believe the citizens of St. Charles County should have the opportunity to utilize Southwestern Bell for all their telecommunications needs if they so choose. In this era of deregulation, it no longer makes any regulatory sense to prohibit local telecommunications companies from providing long-distance service. I think it only fair that Southwestern Bell be allowed to compete with every other telecommunications company that currently has the flexibility to offer all their services on one bill.

Southwestern Bell has been a good corporate citizen in our County. They have continued to provide good quality service and have been socially responsible to our needs in the area of education and economic development.

I encourage you to allow them to compete in the long distance market.

Sincerely,

Joe Ortwerth
St. Charles County Executive

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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

This letter is being sent in strong support of Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service in Missouri. It is our opinion that the opening of local communications markets in the Missouri area has led to better services and lower prices as a result of strong competition. I also believe that opening the Missouri long distance market to Southwestern Bell will continue this trend of improved customer value through greater competition.

Southwestern Bell continues to develop and deliver new services based on new technologies, such as DSL. I believe that Southwestern Bell will continue to introduce new technologies that will benefit the long distance users in Missouri, both in enhanced services and in lower costs.

As major education institutions like the University of Missouri - St. Louis grow our use of communications technology in support of administrative and educational activities, we are counting on new technology investment and competition to deliver the services we need at lower costs. Open competition in communications services has been most significant in delivering us capabilities over the past few years. I strongly urge you to continue that direction by approving Southwestern Bell's application to offer long distance services in Missouri.

Sincerely,

Merle Bone
Associate Director for Technology
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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

For **several years we have been** watching and waiting for the intent of the **Telecommunications Act of 1996 to become** a reality. The Act was to level the playing field in the telecommunications industry and to give consumers more choice and lower telephone prices.

You have been charged with the task of implementing the Act and to be certain that the Bell operating companies satisfy a fourteen-point checklist before they can get into the long distance market in their traditional local service territory. Your rules indicate that the State of Missouri must first be confident that equal competition in the local market exists before you will address the issue. Southwestern Bell has satisfied the Missouri Public Service Commission, and is continuing the process with the FCC.

From a business perspective, we support the competitive enterprise system. Our Chamber of Commerce has a record of supporting issues that benefit our members. We feel that the approval of Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance service in Missouri will level the competitive playing field. Our member's will then have the opportunity to choose the provider that will best serve their total communications needs. We ask that you approve CC Docket 01-88.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Jim Wright
Executive Director

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RE: CC Docket 01-88 /

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is a valued corporation in St. Louis. The company is not only counted on to provide essential telecommunications services, it is also an important employer and major contributor to civic efforts.

Southwestern Bell and the telecommunications industry are major economic contributors not only in St. Louis but also throughout the state.

A significant part of Southwestern Bell's contribution to this state is its commitment to local telephone competition. The fact is that out of the 52 agreements Southwestern Bell has with would-be competitors only 17 offer services, with even fewer bothering to offer service to residents.

Southwestern Bell and its success is critical in our region, they employ a good number of people in St. Louis and they are committed to positive economic development of the area.

Florissant Valley Chamber of Commerce urges you to consider the competitive aspect and the company's importance to St. Louis as you consider Southwestern Bell's long distance application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Re: CC Docket 01-88

Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

As a small business owner, I understand the importance of competition. I ask you to support the long distance filing of SBC. Southwestern Bell's entry into the long distance market will mean more choices, lower prices, and better service in both the long distance and local markets.

It is my understanding that Southwestern Bell is the only local telephone company that cannot offer long distance in the state of Missouri. The Missouri Public Service Commission recently, after a two-and-a-half-year review, concluded that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has opened its local markets in Missouri to competition. The Missouri PSC voted 5-0 to endorse SBC's application for interLATA relief.

My local Chamber of Commerce has followed this issue closely and held several public forums where the issue was debated. That Chamber supports this filing and so do I. My company was recently named the Small Manufacturer of the Year in St. Joseph and has been honored by Wal-Mart for small business leadership in our community. The Dillon Company earns these honors by competing with others on a level playing field. Competition keeps our prices fair and our service quality next to none.

Analysts have estimated that increased competition in the long distance market will create 18,000 new Missouri jobs over ten years. It is also estimated that Missouri customers should see annual savings of \$54 million due to decreased long distance charges. In Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, telephone customers are seeing lower rates and more competition for both the local and long distance business. It's time for Missouri to benefit.

I urge you to support Southwestern Bell's entry into the long distance market. It's good for me as a consumer, as a businessman and as a Missourian. I encourage you to respect the fair and exhaustive review of the Missouri PSC and support this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat Dillon", written over a horizontal line.

Pat Dillon

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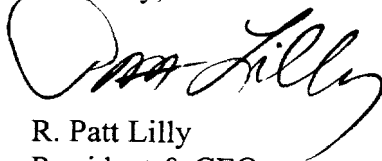
Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

On April 4, 2001, SBC Communications Inc. formally asked the FCC for permission to offer long distance service to consumers and businesses in Missouri. After a two and a half-year review, the Missouri Public Service Commission concluded that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has opened its local markets in Missouri to competition. The Missouri PSC voted 5-0 on March 6 to endorse SBC's application to interLATA relief. The PSC process was fair and exhaustive.

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The St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce has held numerous public discussions on Southwestern Bell's long distance application since 1998. Recently our Government Relations committee, that reviews issues such as this, voted to endorse Southwestern Bell's efforts to enter the long distance market. Business wins. Consumers win. The St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce and I encourage the FCC to support this application. It is the right thing for Missouri and the unanimous endorsement of the Missouri PSC is evidence of Southwestern Bell's effort to ensure the local market is open to competition.

Sincerely,



R. Patt Lilly
President & CEO

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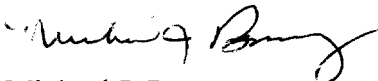
Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

In writing this letter, I want to voice my encouragement for the approval of Southwestern Bell to have the ability to provide long distance services in the state of Missouri. As an organization headquartered in Missouri, with many locations throughout Missouri and other states, our company depends on long distance services to provide communication internally and externally to our customers.

Competition is healthy and necessary in today's world. Southwestern Bell has put significant effort into opening the local phone market. Now it is time to allow them the same competitive opportunity in the long distance phone market. Southwestern Bell has proven itself in Texas, where they met all requirements to open local phone service to competing companies and were allowed to enter the long distance market. Customers in Texas have benefited, regardless of their choice of provider. As a company, we would like to see that same opportunity provide to customers in Missouri.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

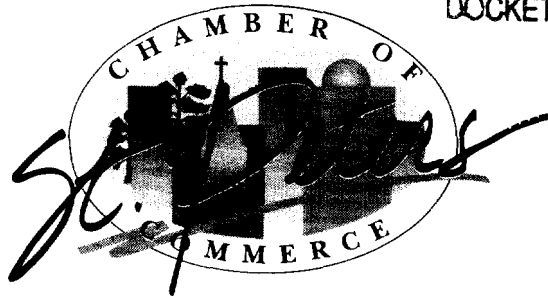
Sincerely,



Michael J. Benney
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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

Southwestern Bell is trying to gain your approval to begin offering long distance in the state of Missouri. As you review their long distance application, I hope you will consider the company's importance to our economy and its role as a vital source of jobs and economic growth. In addition, our businesses and citizens will benefit through increased competition in the industry.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is a valued corporate citizen. The company is not only counted on to provide essential telecommunications services, it is an important employer and significant contributor to many community efforts.

I hope you will consider these factors and Southwestern Bell's importance to our city and state as you consider their application.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Cunningham
President & CEO

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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

As a local business owner in the St. Louis Metro area in Missouri, I am writing to tell you how important I think is for our local telephone company, Southwestern Bell, be allowed to once again be able to provide long distance service to me and anyone else that wants to choose them as their provider.

Southwestern Bell has long provided me with excellent local phone service and I would welcome the opportunity to be able to have all my services with their company and on one bill each month too!

Southwestern Bell has always been a good corporate citizen in my region, supporting education and economic development initiatives.

Please vote to give this fine company the chance to earn all of my business.

Respectfully,


Lowell E. Girardier

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Southwestern Bell and its success is critical in our region, they employ a good number of people in St. Louis and they are committed to positive economic development of the area.

As a regional development organization, which acts as a catalyst to define and advocate economic and community development, North County Incorporated urges you to consider the competitive aspect and the company's importance to St. Louis as you consider Southwestern Bell's long distance application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Zoll
Executive Director

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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I write this letter in support of Southwestern Bell's application to provide long distance services.

As the third largest Holding Company in the state of Missouri, our branches cover the entire state and in April of 2001 we acquired our first out of state branch in Illinois. Southwestern Bell has been a long time service provider to our company for local service and T1 connectivity to several branches. They provide a quality level of service and they have a good understanding of our corporate telecommunications design.

Since most companies of our size have a major investment in telecommunications and it is the backbone for our inter-connectivity, we feel strongly that more competition would be good for the consumer. With this said, I want to encourage the FCC to support Southwestern Bell and allow them to enter into the long distance market.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Boeckman
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Dear Secretary Salas and Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage your approval of Southwestern Bell to provide long distance service in Missouri.

It is my understanding that they have met all the requirements set under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to open local phone markets to competition prior to being allowed the opportunity to offer long distance service.

With the efforts Southwestern Bell has made, it is now time to allow them the same competitive opportunities by opening the long distance phone market to Southwestern Bell. Competition is healthy and needed in our economy.

I respectfully request that you positively support Southwestern Bell's application, thereby allowing healthy competition in all facets of the telecommunication industry.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Terholder
Senior Vice President &
Chief Information Officer

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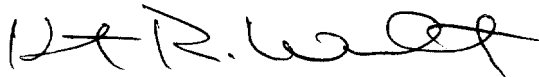
I am writing in support of Southwestern Bell's application to the FCC to provide long distance service in the state of Missouri.

Our firm, Fleishman-Hillard International Communications, has been in business since 1946, and is headquartered in St. Louis. As the largest public relations firm in the country, it is vital that our company have reliable and efficient telecommunications services. Southwestern Bell has been an excellent partner and provider of such services for more than 50 years. We eagerly anticipate the time when Southwestern Bell can complete its suite of products with the addition of long distance.

We share the opinion of the Missouri Public Service Commission that Southwestern Bell has met or exceeded the requirements of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The company has proven that it has opened its networks to local competitors. Allowing Southwestern Bell to provide long distance service will offer Missouri residents and businesses significant choices and better value for their telecommunications services, which was the intent of the 1996 Act.

We strongly encourage your approval of Southwestern Bell's application, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kurt R. Wehrsten
Executive Vice President and Senior Partner
Chief Operating Officer

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